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Egypt: Nasir has again castigated the US for its support of "Israeli expansionism" and promised a united Arab reaction to additional US aid for Tel Aviv.

In a lengthy and somewhat routine review of the Arab-Israeli struggle before a May day crowd of workers near Cairo, Nasir claimed that the Egyptian armed forces had regained the military initiative against Israel. He praised the USSR for its help in rebuilding Egypt's military forces. Although he did not directly deny recent Israeli accusations that Soviet pilots are flying combat missions over Egypt, he dismissed the charges as an attempt to "open the way for a new escalation of US assistance to Israel."

Nasir then went on to warn that further US military aid to Israel would force the Arabs to adopt a position which would "affect all US relations with the Arab nations for several decades and perhaps for centuries." A new initiative on "the widest scale" was promised by Nasir, aimed at unifying the Arabs against any new situations or any new US aid to Israel.

Nasir's threats are probably somewhat hollow, although Arab reaction to a significant increase of US aid to Israel would be uniformly bitter and probably would include violent demonstrations against US embassies and business interests.

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